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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed December 17, 2003 (Paper No. 121103), Applicant hereby requests the following amendments and remarks be entered into the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) Fee Transmittal Sheet (in duplicate), with appropriate fee; (b) Exhibit A; and (c) a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 with Form PTO/SB/08.

Applicants respectfully request the entry of the following amendments and remarks.

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